

An adjourned meeting of the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, from the May 27, 1997, regular Council meeting, was held jointly with the Bedford County Board of Supervisors in the Bedford County Administration Building at 7:30 p.m., June 2, 1997.

Council members present: Mayor G. Michael Shelton; Councilman H. Davis Ballard; Vice Mayor Larry D. Brookshier; Councilwoman Mary L. Flood; Councilwoman Linda Kochendarfer; Councilman W. D. Tharp; and Councilman Robert T. Wandrei.

Council members absent: None.

City staff present: City Manager Jack A. Gross; City Attorney W. W. Berry, IV; and Clerk of the Council Teresa W. Hatcher.

Supervisors present: Chairperson Lucille Boggess; Supervisors E. Anthony Ware, Calvin Updike, Roger Cheek, Robert L. Crouch, Dale Wheeler, and Bob Bashore.

Supervisors absent: None.

Chairperson Boggess and Mayor Shelton called the meeting to order.

Chairperson Boggess stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss a proposed joint economic development and growth sharing agreement between Bedford County and the City of Bedford. Mrs. Boggess stated that the City and County have provided many public services to the citizens in joint operations and cooperative agreements.

Councilman Wandrei reviewed highlights of the proposed agreement, which included: development of a jointly owned 110 acre industrial park within the City; designation of four economic development areas located in the County adjacent to the City for which water and sewer will be made available that will enhance commercial and industrial development; and development of a long-range plan to address water and sewer needs in the central part of Bedford County.

Councilwoman Kochendarfer reviewed the sequence of events necessary for entering into the proposed joint agreement for economic development and growth sharing:

Step 1 The City Council and the Bedford County Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution approving the Agreement.

Step 2 Adoption of an ordinance creating a joint industrial development authority. This ordinance will become effective after the statutory approvals have been obtained.

Step 3 Submission of the Agreement, along with other data, to the Commission on Local Government for review.

Step 4 The Commission on Local Government will hold a public hearing on the Agreement, review the plan and issue an advisory report.

Step 5 The Bedford County Board of Supervisors and the City Council will review the Commission on Local Government's final report, consider any amendments which may have been recommended, schedule a public hearing, and consider adopting

the Agreement in its final form.

Step 6 Submit the adopted Agreement to a three-judge court for final approval

It is estimated that the time required to complete all of these steps could be as long as one year.

Supervisor Wheeler reported that all revenue will be shared fifty-fifty by both governments.

Discussion ensued.

Supervisor Wheeler made a motion to put the "Joint Economic Development and Growth Sharing Agreement" before the Board for consideration.

Further discussion ensued.

Chairperson Boggess restated Mr. Wheeler's motion as follows: to approve the Joint Economic Development and Growth Sharing Agreement, authorize the Chairperson to execute the agreement on behalf of the County, and direct the staff to submit the agreement to the appropriate State authorities for approval. The Board then voted on the motion which carried, four members voting aye (Wheeler, Ware, Boggess, Bashore) and three members voting nay (Cheek, Crouch, Updike).

On motion by Councilman Wandrei, seconded by Councilwoman Kochendarfer, voted upon and carried unanimously, Council approved the "Joint Economic Development and Growth Sharing Agreement," authorized the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the City, and directed the staff to submit the agreement to the appropriate State authorities for approval.

Mayor Shelton stated that the issue regarding the joint Industrial Development Authority will be referred back to the City/County Relations Committee for further consideration.

Chairperson Boggess adjourned the meeting of the Board.

Mayor Shelton adjourned the Council meeting at 8:34 p.m. until Thursday, June 5, at 6:30 p.m. at Stephen's Galley Restaurant for a joint meeting with the Bedford County Board of Supervisors.